

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>623</i>	Press Mis.
Dated <i>12. 11.</i>	18 <i>59.</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ; to the Secretary to Government Public Works Department, dated 24th October 1859, No. 6180.

Financial.

* In letter No. 230 dated 13th October 1859.

Enclosures 3.

Enclosure 1 letter from Mint Master,

1 Abstract Estimate and,

1 Plan.

I have the honor to forward herewith for submission to Government, a Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees (8,130) eight thousand one hundred and thirty received from the Mint Master* for completing the upper story of the central range over the Treasury, and adding a verandah along the whole front

of that building.

2. Major Orr submits this Estimate with reference to the Orders of Government of the 29th August last, No. 486, authorizing him to carry out the alterations and improvements to the Mint buildings as recommended by Lieutenant Colonel F. C. Cotton in his letter to

* No. 1933. the late Mint Committee of the 1st February 1859, and he explains that since the upper room sanctioned by Government on the 20th September 1858* has been occupied by the Turners, the out-turn of work by this class of workmen has increased considerably. Expecting to derive similar advantages in other respects, Major Orr proposes to assign one of the two proposed rooms, 57 feet long, to the use of the Treasury, for assorting the Coinage, and the other, 78½ feet long, to the use of the Die Cutting Department ; and the rooms now in occupation by the latter, which are described to be low, dark and cellar-like, he proposes to transfer to the Store Department, for which additional accommodation is stated to be required. To the Die Cutting Department, Major Orr observes, light is above all things essentially necessary, and this will be obtained abundantly in the proposed room assigned for its use.

3. I beg to state that the measures proposed by the Mint Master, which are deserving of immediate attention, fully meet with my approval, and as they appear to be absolutely necessary for the present extensive operations of the Mint, I strongly recommend the Estimate now submitted, which has been examined and corrected in this Office, for the sanction of Government ; and as its immediate execution is certainly very desirable, I further recommend, there being no

available funds in the Presidency allotment, that the cost of the works may be * No. 6294. defrayed from the money realized by the sale of the Bezowarra bridge timber referred to in paragraph 6 of my letter of the 18th instant.* According to the report of the District Engineer, timber has been sold of the value of about Rupees 70,000 of which, Rupees 25,000 have been realized.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1859, No. 623.

The Government approve of the proposed improvements and additions to the Mint buildings, and sanction for immediate execution, the Estimate submitted and recommended by the Chief Engineer, amounting to Rupees (8,130) eight thousand one hundred and thirty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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bridge timber referred to in para 6 of
my letter of the 18th Decr last. - According
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Rs 70,000 of which Rs 25,000 have

been realized.

I have the honor to be,

Yours faithfully,
J. M. Macdonald

By order of J. M. Macdonald

W. J. Macdonald

Secretary to
Government, M.S.

Chief Engineer

Yours faithfully,
J. M. Macdonald